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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 6489

FOR EA-OAKLEY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

REF : A) KUALA LUMPUR 6473, B) GENEVA 9827

1. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPATKUMAR CALLED ME THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS CONCERN THAT HIS JULY 3 MEETING, WHICH HE CALLED TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS RELATING TO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVING IN MALAYSIA, APPEARS TO BE GROWINGINTO A MEETING WITH A BROADER AGENDA. HIS CONCERN APPEARED TO BE STIMULATED BY HIS REPORT OF THE DISCUSSION IN GENEVA SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL, AND HE WONDERED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME CONFUSION BETWEEN HIS JULY 3RD MEETING AND THE QUESTION OF A BROADER CONFERENCE. I REITERATED TO HIM THAT MY GUIDANCE WOULD REQUIRE ME TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF A BROADER CONFERENCE AT MONDAY'S MEETING, BUT THAT OBVIOUSLY SUCH A CONFERENCE ITSELF, IF IT TOOK PLACE, WOULD HAVE TO COME AT A LATER DATE. AT HIS REQUEST, I AGREED
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TO REPORT HIS CONCERN THAT THE ORIGINAL PROBLEM FOR WHICH HE HAS CALLED THE JULY 3RD MEETING, NAMELY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH VIETNAMESE BOAT CASES IN MALAYSIA, WAS BEING OVERTAKEN BY A BROADER DISCUSSION.

2. COMMENT: I WILL TRY, AS THE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED, TO RAISE BROADER PROBLEMS RELATED TO INDOCHINA REFUGEES IN THE

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GEGION, BUT SUSPECT SAMPATKUMAR WILL TRY TO RESTRICT THE DIS-
CUSSION TO THE MORE LIMITED AGENDA, WHICH HE HAS CIRCULATED TO
ALL INVITEES. HE IS OBVIOUSLY UNEASY ABOUT BROADENING THE SCOPE
OF THE JULY 3 MEETING WITHOUT FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM GENEVA AND
WITHOUT GREATER PREPARATION BY ALL INVITEES.
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